A 3275-2

TRENDS

ASSOCIATION
OF AMERICAN
RAILROADS

Office of Information
and Public Affairs
50 F Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20001
(202) 639-2555

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, July 30, 1992 -- Rail carloadings fell from year earlier levels during the week ended July 25, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

"While one week does not constitute a trend, the 2.0 percent decline in carloadings is somewhat discouraging because it follows several other weeks of either declines, or only modest increases," said Dr. Harvey A. Levine, vice president of the AAR's economics and finance department. "Once again, the reduction in coal traffic dominated the overall decline."

During the week ended July 25, railroads reported 322,900 carloadings, down 2.0 percent from the comparable 1991 week. Loadings were up 0.2 percent in the West, but down 4.1 percent in the East.

Intermodal volume, which is not included in carloadings, totaled 132,373 trailers and containers, up 5.4 percent from last year. The AAR estimated total freight traffic at 20.4 billion ton-miles, down 0.5 percent from the comparable 1991 week.

For the first 30 weeks of 1992, rail carloadings totaled 9,608,821, up 1.8 percent from the comparable period of 1991. Intermodal volume totaled 3,710,941 containers and trailers, up 7.8 percent. Ton-miles were estimated at 605.2 billion, up 3.9 percent from 1991's first 30 weeks.

Railroads reporting to the AAR account for 94 percent of carloadings and 97 percent of intermodal traffic.

(more)

WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING JULY 25, 1992

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING JULY 25, 1992	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1991	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	26,531	26,618	-0.3 %	26,592	-0.2 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	1,428	840	70.0	1,723	-17.1
Metallic Ores	17,720	17,284	2.5	20,525	-13.7
Coal	123,558	130,842	-5.6	117,622	5.0
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	14,708	14,386	2.2	15,265	-3.6
Nonmetallic Minerals	7,377	9,674	-23.7	10,104	-27.0
Grain Mill Products	9,603	10,238	-6.2	9,696	-1.0
Food & Kindred Products	9,439	8,797	7.3	8,736	8.0
Primary Forest Products	9,517	9,663	-1.5	9,673	-1.6
Lumber & Wood Products	5,699	5,568	2.4	5,533	3.0
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,820	10,408	4.0	10,556	2.5
Chemicals	27,727	27,437	1.1	26,867	3.2
Petroleum Products	6,037	5,578	8.2	5,923	1.9
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	9,864	9,840	0.2	9,670	2.0
Coke	5,680	5,068	12.1	5,958	-4.7
Metals & Products	9,446	9,667	-2.3	8,839	6.9
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	12,080	12,666	-4.6	14,566	-17.1
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,265	7,760	6.5	8,668	-4.6
All Other Carloads	7,401	7,176	3.1	7,134	3.7
Total	322,900	329,510	-2.0 %	323,650	-0.2 %

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING JULY 25, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 30 WEEKS ENDING JULY 25, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	322,900	329,510	-2.0 %	9,608,821	9,436,638	1.8 %
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	63,610	62,549	1.7	1,835,931	1,774,124	3.5
Containers	68,763	63,018	9.1	1,875,010	1,667,431	12.4
Total	132,373	125,567	5.4	3,710,941	3,441,555	7.8
Estimated Ton-Miles Class I Railroads (Billions)	20.4	20.5	-0.5 %	605.2	582.6	3.9 %